



AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

Avian Influenza in Iowa: Several cases of avian influenza or “bird flu” have been reported in Iowa. The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) has reported the following cases:

Reported Avian Influenza Cases			
Date Reported	County	Type of Poultry	Number of Poultry
4/15/2015	Buena Vista 1	Commercial Turkey	27,000
4/20/2015	Osceola 1	Commercial Layer	3,800,000
4/23/2015	Sac 1	Commercial Turkey	34,000
4/27/2015	Osceola 2	Pullet	250,000
4/27/2015	O'Brien 1	Commercial Layer	240,000
4/27/2015	O'Brien 2	Commercial Layer	98,000
4/27/2015	Sioux 1	Commercial Layer	1,700,000
4/27/2015	Sioux 2	Commercial Layer	3,800,000

Source: Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Disease Movement: The avian influenza cases in Iowa have originated from waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans, gulls) and shorebirds (herons, egrets). The Department reports that wild birds can carry up to 144 possible subtypes of avian influenza viruses and it is estimated that 40.0% of all North American waterfowl use the Mississippi flyway migration route in Iowa.

Additional Information: For additional information, including contact information, refer to the DALs website: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/avianinfluenza.asp>

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